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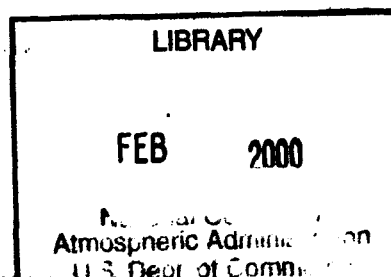
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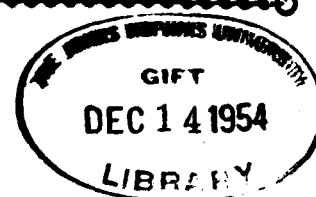
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I. DEPRESSIONS AND CYCLONIC STORMS

During the year one storm and 9 depressions formed in the Bay of Bengal, one depression in the Arabian Sea and three depressions over land. The storm developed in the Bay of Bengal between the 20th and 31st October 1949 and the greatest barometric depth in it was probably about 30 mbs.

The detailed descriptions of the storms and the depressions are, as usual, followed by a list of western disturbances of the year, of the more important local storms and of the localities in which winds of force 9 or more unconnected with storms were experienced by ships in the Indian Seas.

1. Deep depression of 22nd to 24th April 1949 in the Bay of Bengal.—On the evening of the 18th April, S.S. Malaga near Lat. 09°N , Long. 93°E . was reporting northwest wind of 13 knots and S.S. Duxbury Bay at Lat. 06°N , Long. $91^{\circ}8'\text{E}$. was reporting north-northwest wind of 15 knots, overcast skies and rain showers. Victoria Point was at that time experiencing easterly winds. These indicated that conditions were unsettled in the south Andaman Sea. The unsettled conditions shifted westwards during the course of the next 36 hours and, on the 21st morning, a well-marked trough of low pressure was lying over the southeast Bay of Bengal and the neighbourhood. By that evening, the upper winds over Port Blair had strengthened to 20 to 25 knots 3,000 ft. a.s.l. and were blowing from south and southsoutheast. These winds strengthened further in the course of the night and were blowing from south with speeds of 30 to 40 knots at 2,000 and 3,000 ft. a.s.l. on the 22nd morning, when a depression probably deep, had formed with its centre near Lat. 12°N , Long. 90°E . The veering of Port Blair upper winds to westsouthwest and their further strengthening by that evening indicated that the deep depression had moved northeastwards. It was centred at 1730 hrs. I.S.T. of 22nd near Lat. $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{N}$, Long. 92°E . The deep depression thereafter moved northnortheast and was centred at 0830 hrs. of 23rd near Lat. $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{N}$, Long. 93°E . At that time S.S. Karoa at Lat. $17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{N}$, Long. $93\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{E}$. was experiencing southeast winds of 30 knots and squally weather. The deep depression then gradually weakened

while moving northnortheast and lay close to the coast between Akyab and Sandoway on the 23rd evening. By the next morning (24th) it had crossed the coast and moved away into Burma.

2. Depression of 21st to 25th May 1949 in the Bay of Bengal.—Ships' observations from the south Bay of Bengal and the upper winds along the east coast of the Peninsula on the 20th morning indicated the existence of a well-marked trough of low pressure over the southwest Bay and the adjoining areas of the southeast Bay. By the next morning, the trough had shifted westwards and was lying off the Coromandel coast and had become more pronounced; the coastal winds had come under the grip of the cyclonic circulation upto 5,000 ft. a.s.l. and the upper winds over Port Blair had veered to south. A depression was probably forming at that time with its central region near Lat. $11\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{N}$, Long. 84°E . By the same evening (i.e., by the evening of the 21st) the depression was well-formed and was centred near Lat. 12°N , Long. 83°E . Stations along the north Coromandel-south Circars coast had started raining and the upper winds along the Madras coast and in Ceylon had strengthened further. The depression moved northwest and was centred on the 22nd morning near Lat. $13\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{N}$, Long. $81\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{E}$. The depression then began to weaken and lay close to the coast south of Nellore on that evening. Crossing the coast during the night, it lay as a low pressure area over the Madras Deccan on the 23rd morning and moved away westwards as a low pressure wave emerging into the Arabian Sea on the 24th.

The formation and movement of this depression was responsible for the advent of the monsoon into the extreme south of the Bay by the 22nd of May, for widespread and locally very heavy rain along the Coromandel-south Circars coast on the 23rd and fairly widespread rain over the whole of the Peninsula from the 21st to 25th. The depression also carried the monsoon into the southeast Arabian Sea and into Malabar where heavy rain was recorded on the 23rd morning. Some of the noteworthy falls were, Minicoy 8", Mangalore 7" and Calicut 7" on 23rd.

3. Shallow depression of 28th to 29th May in the Bay of Bengal.—On the morning of 27th May, the upper winds along Orissa-Bengal coast at 3,000 ft. a.s.l. and at higher levels indicated the extension of the seasonal trough of low pressure into the north Bay of Bengal. With the fall of pressures over the area and the appearance of a cyclonic circulation in the northeast Bay on the evening of 28th, it was evident that the trough of low pressure had concentrated into a shallow depression, with its centre at 1730 hrs.

I.S.T. near Lat. 20° N., Long. 91° E. The depression moved northeast, crossed the Arakan coast between Cox's Bazar and Akyab by the next morning (29th). It weakened thereafter and moved away northeastwards. In association with the formation and movement of the depression, maritime air penetrated into the Arakans, inland Burma, Eastern Pakistan and Assam. Widespread and locally heavy rain occurred in the Arakans between 28th and 30th and in Eastern Pakistan and Assam between 29th and 31st. Akyab reported 6" and Kyaukpyu 5" on the morning of the 29th. A few noteworthy district averages of rainfall and particularly heavy falls are also given below:

TABLE 1

Province and District	District averages on 30th	Particularly heavy falls
Manipur	3.5	
Lushai Hills	2.4	
Darrang (Assam) . . . . .	..	Boreli 6.1" on 30th.

4. Trough of low pressure from 23rd May to 29th May and deep depression of 30th May to 1st June in the Arabian Sea.—With the advance of the monsoon into southeast Arabian Sea brought in by the depression described above, a trough of low pressure appeared off the Konkan coast on the 23rd morning. The low pressure wave associated with the depression emerged into the Arabian Sea on the 24th morning and accentuated the trough which became well-marked on the 25th morning. The upper winds were gripped into the cyclonic circulation upto 10,000 ft. At 3,000 ft. a.s.l., Mangalore was reporting westsouthwest wind, 20 knots, Vengurla southsoutheast 30 knots and Poona, east, 10 knots. The trough continued to be marked for the next two days while shifting slightly westnorthwest. It became more pronounced by the evening of the 29th and on the 30th morning, a depression, apparently deep, formed with its centre near Lat. 18° N., Long. 70° E. S.S. Badarpur at Lat. 18½° N., Long. 70½° E., was reporting southerly wind of 30 knots while S.S. Orna at Lat. 18½° N., Long. 69½° E., was experiencing northerly wind of 20 knots and squally weather. The deep depression slowly moved northwest apparently intensifying at the same time and on the 31st morning it was centred near Lat. 19° N., Long. 69° E. The observations of S.S. Jalamohan, Jalagopal and Stanvae definitely indicated that the disturbance was a deep depression, if not a cyclonic storm, on the morning of the 31st. Jalagopal in the northeast sector at Lat. 20½° N., Long. 69½° E., was experiencing easterly wind of 25 knots; Stanvae in the southwestern sector at Lat. 17½° N., Long. 68½° E. was having westnorthwest wind of speed 35 knots while Jalamohan in the southeast sector at Lat. 17½° N., Long. 69½° E., was reporting southwest wind of 10 knots. All these ships reported rain as present weather. The deep depression thereafter moved away northwestwards and rapidly weakened and became unimportant. The trough, however persisted off the Konkan-Kathiawar coast, till the 2nd June and then filled up.

Under the influence of this trough and the developments within it, the early advance of the monsoon on Malabar coast was maintained and the monsoon extended into the Konkan and temporarily into Gujarat also towards the end of May. It was vigorous off the Konkan on the 29th and 30th. Bombay experienced strong winds from south and southeast on the 29th, 30th and 31st with wind speed reaching 40 to 50 m.p.h. in gusts.

5. Shallow depression in the Bay of Bengal from 8th to 14th June, 1949.—The monsoon had advanced into the north Bay of Bengal by the 7th of June and an upper air trough at 3,000 ft. a.s.l. and above extending over the north Bay of Bengal and West Bengal appeared by the evening of that day. On the 8th morning, a shallow depression could be located in the northwest angle of the Bay of Bengal centred between Sandheads and Balasore. The depression crossed the coast during the following night and was centred between Cuttack and Balasore at 0830 hrs. of 9th. It then moved northeastwards and lay over south Bihar and Gangetic West Bengal on the 10th morning with its centre near Naya Dumka. The depression persisted over the same region except for a slight northward movement during the next 3 days and became unimportant by the 14th.

Under the influence of this depression, the monsoon advanced into northeast India. Locally very heavy rain occurred in Chota Nagpur on the 10th and 11th, in Bihar on the 12th and 13th and in sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Assam on the 12th. The noteworthy district averages of rainfall and the particularly heavy amounts are set out in the following table.

TABLE 2

Province and District	District averages on					Particularly heavy falls
	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	
<i>Bihar</i>						
Muzaffarpur			2.7	2.7	..	Bowarah 6.4" on 12th; Mahuva 6.2" on 13th.
Darbhanga	Khutana 8.1" on 14th; Samastipur 8.1" on 13th; Darbhanga Obs. 5.7" on 13th; Behera 6.0" on 12th; Dalsinghsarai 5.8" on 12th.
Monghyr		2.4	4.7	3.3	..	Gidhaur 14.5" on 13th; 12.7" on 12th; Begusarai 9.0" on 14th; Sagrampur 8.5" on 12th; Chaika Bamda 8.3" on 12th; Kharagpur 7.7" on 11th; Shaikhpur 6.2" on 13th; Begusarai 6.0" on 13th; Jamalpur 5.4" on 12th.
Bhagalpur	Amarpur 6.8" on 12th.
Saharsa	Supal 6.3" on 10th.
Purnea	Kishangang 5.1" on 23rd.
Santhal Parganas.	Jamutra 10.8" on 12th; Modhaipur 8.1" on 11th; Deoghar 7.6" on 12th.
Hazaribagh	Pachamba 11.8" on 12th.
Manbhum	Jaldah 6.7" on 10th; Tundi 6.7" on 12th; Chundil 6.2" on 11th; Borabatar 5.7" on 10th; Bhugnumdi 5.2" on 10th.
<i>Assam</i>						
Khasi and Jaintia Hills.		2.7	6.1	..	..	Cherrapunji 12.9" on 12th.
Abhor Hills		2.7	..	..	..
Tripura Hills	Sabroom 5.2" on 10th.
<i>West Bengal</i>						
24 Parganas	Gosaba 6.2" on 10th.
Darjeeling		2.0	2.4	..	..
Bankura	Taldangra 8.0" on 10th.

6. Unsettled conditions in the Bay of Bengal between the 3rd and 5th July 1949.—Weather became unsettled in the north Bay of Bengal on the 3rd and a low pressure wave moved from there into Gangetic West Bengal on the 5th; on the 6th morning, a shallow low lay over northeast Central Provinces and the adjoining areas of the east United Provinces and Chota Nagpur. Moving westwards, the low became unimportant over the southwest United Provinces and Madhya Bharat by the 8th. Under its influence, the monsoon extended into the east United Provinces and Vindhya Pradesh on the 6th, into the west United Provinces, the East Punjab Hills, Madhya Bharat and East Rajputana on the 7th, and into west Rajputana and Gujarat by the next day. The shallow low was also responsible for a strengthening of the monsoon in the Central Provinces between the 3rd and 6th.

7. Shallow Bay depression of 13th to 15th July 1949.—The seasonal trough of low pressure extended into northeast Bay of Bengal on the morning of 10th July and by the next morning, the trough had become more marked in north Bay where a cyclonic circulation extending upto 10,000 ft. a.s.l. was clearly noticeable in the upper air. Conditions remained more or less unchanged till the 13th morning when a shallow depression formed off the Orissa coast with its centre near Lat. 19°N ., Long. $86\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{E}$. Ships in the southwestern sector of the depression off the north Circars coast were experiencing at that time, winds of 30 knots or more. The depression moved slowly northnortheastwards and was centred at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 14th near Lat. $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{N}$., Long. $87\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}\text{E}$. It then moved westnorthwest, crossed the Orissa coast during the night of the 14th, and lay as a low pressure area over Orissa on the morning of the 15th. The low became accentuated by the movement of another low pressure wave from the north Bay of Bengal and moved westnorthwestward upto 17th. It then became unimportant.

Under the influence of these developments, the monsoon strengthened considerably along the west coast of the Peninsula and remained active over the central parts of the country and northeast India.

8. Land 'low' of 22nd to 26th July 1949.—The axis of the seasonal trough was lying near the foot of the Himalayas from the 20th of July and widespread and locally heavy rainfall was confined to northeast India outside Orissa, the United Provinces and the East Punjab. On the 22nd morning, the axis showed a tendency to shift southwards and a shallow "low" appeared over Bihar and the adjoining areas of Gangetic West Bengal with central region near Naya Dumka. The low moved westwards and lay over southeast United Provinces and Vindhya Pradesh on the 23rd morning with central region between Sutna and Allahabad. On the next morning, the low lay over north Madhya Bharat and southwest United Provinces with its centre between Jhansi and Gwalior. It moved into southeast Rajputana by the 25th morning and lay with its central region about 100 miles northeast of Kotah. It then took a northwesterly course and lay over southwest Punjab at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 26th. It merged in the seasonal low by the morning of the 27th.

In association with this low, rainfall increased in the central parts of the country and the monsoon revived in the western half of the Peninsula, Gujarat, Saurashtra and east Rajputana.

9. Depression in the Bay of Bengal from 1st to 3rd August 1949.—On the morning of 26th July, pressures were falling over and around Central Burma where a shallow low was noticed on the sea level chart, and a cyclonic circulation was also noticeable in the lower levels in the upper air. Moving north-

westwards, the low emerged into the north Bay on 28th and passed inland across Orissa-Bengal coasts on 29th. The passage of this low pressure wave accentuated the seasonal trough of low pressure which continued to extend over the north Bay.

On the morning of the 30th July, the upper winds at 5,000 and 7,000 ft. a.s.l. over Chittagong became northeasterly and, on the same evening, an area of pressure defect appeared over central Burma. These suggested that a low pressure wave from the east was moving towards Arakan coast. By next morning, the low pressure wave had moved into the north Bay of Bengal where conditions became markedly unsettled. The unsettled conditions developed into a depression which was centred at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 1st August near Lat. 20°N ., Long. 88°E . Moving northwestwards without any appreciable intensification, the depression crossed the north Orissa coast by the early morning of the 2nd and lay at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of that day as a low pressure area over north Orissa and Chota Nagpur with its central region about 80 miles northeast of Sambalpur. On the 3rd morning, it had weakened further and lay as a feeble low centred between Saugor and Nowgong. Thereafter it became unimportant.

Associated with the formation and movement of this depression, there was widespread rain in West Bengal, Bihar and Chota Nagpur between the 31st of July and 2nd of August and in Central Provinces and Madhya Bharat from the 1st to the 3rd.

The noteworthy district averages of rainfall and particularly heavy falls associated with the depression are given in the following table:

TABLE 3

Province and District	District averages on					Particularly heavy falls
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
<i>West Bengal</i>						
Howrah . . .	2.1	..	..	..	..
<i>Bihar</i>						
Sahabad	2.2	Dehri 7.2" on 5th; Mahania 7.1" on 4th; Baswan 6.7" on 5th.
Polaman	2.2	..
<i>Central Provinces</i>						
Bilaspur	2.1	..	2.0
Raigarh	2.2
Saugor	Banda 5.1" on 3rd; Garhakota 5.7" on 4th.
Mandla	2.4	..	..
Balaghat	2.1	..	..	Dhuti 5.1" on 2nd.
Chindwara	2.1	..	..	Bori 6.6" on 1st; Roomal 5.7" on 3rd.

10. Land depression of 2nd to 4th August 1949.

On the evening of the 1st, a shallow low pressure area appeared over south Rajputana and the adjoining areas of lower Sind and Kutch. The 'low' persisted over the same region and by the evening of the 2nd, the associated cyclonic circulation became well-marked upto 5,000 ft. a.s.l. The pressures continued to fall over the region. On the morning of the 3rd, Bhuj was having a negative pressure departure of 6.4 mbs. By the same evening the low pressure area concentrated into a depression with its central region near Umarkot and the monsoon had strengthened considerably in

northeast Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Kutch. Dwarka reported winds of 40 knots and Jamnagar 35 knots at 1730 hrs. I.S.T. of 3rd. The depression weakened without appreciable movement during the night and the residual low moved northwestwards to upper Sind by the 4th and from then northeastwards into southwest Punjab by the 5th. It became unimportant by the next day.

Under the influence of this land depression, vigorous monsoon conditions prevailed in Kutch and Saurashtra from 1st to 3rd August. The noteworthy district averages and particularly heavy amounts of rainfall recorded during the period are given in the following table:

TABLE 4

Province and District	District averages on				Particularly heavy falls
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Panch Mahal	2.8	Kalol 5.4" on 4th.
Surat	..	2.1	2.7	..	Pardi 6.2" on 3rd.
Ratnagiri	Mandargarh 6.2" on 1st.
Kolaha	Matheran 7.6" on 2nd.
Junagarh	Junagarh 6.1" on 2nd.
Saurashtra	Bantwa 5.5" on 2nd.
Kutch	Bhuj 6.1" on 3rd.

11. Low Pressure wave from the Bay of Bengal between the 5th and 10th August 1949.—A low pressure wave moved inland from the northwest angle of the Bay of Bengal on the 5th August and lay as a low over Bihar on the 6th. The low persisted with slight variations in position and intensity till the 10th August. In association with these conditions, the monsoon was active generally in northeast India, east United Provinces and in and near the hills of west United Provinces and the east Punjab from the 5th to 10th, locally heavy rain being reported from the hills of west United Provinces on the 9th.

12. Bay of Bengal depression of 7th to 10th September 1949.—The seasonal trough of low pressure extended into the north Bay of Bengal on the morning of the 4th when pressures were also falling along the Orissa-Circars coast and in the west central Bay. Pressures continued to fall over these areas for the next two days. By the morning of the 7th, a cyclonic circulation extending upto 10,000 ft. a.s.l. had established itself over the northwest and west central Bay of Bengal and a shallow depression had formed with its central region near Lat. 19°N., Long. 87°E. S.S. Maharaja in the southeastern sector of the depression reported squally weather and moderate continuous rain on the 7th morning indicating the strengthening of the monsoon. The depression moved slowly northwestwards and was centred at 0130 hrs. I.S.T. of 8th near Lat. 19½°N., Long. 86½°E. It crossed the Orissa coast near Puri during the early morning of the 8th and was centred close to the coast inland at 0630 hrs. I.S.T. of that day. Continuing to move northwestwards and weakening at the same time, it lay on the 9th morning as a low pressure area over the Central Provinces, with its central region between Seoni and Pendra. The 'low' shifted to northwest Central Provinces and the adjoining parts of Madhya Bharat by the 10th morning. Weakening further thereafter it merged in the seasonal trough of low pressure by the 11th.

In association with this depression, widespread rain occurred in Orissa and the north Circars coast on the 8th and over the region extending from the north Konkan and Gujarat, to Orissa on the 9th and in Madhya Bharat, Gujarat, north Konkan, and the Central Provinces on the 10th. Rainfall was locally heavy in Madhya Bharat. The noteworthy district averages and particularly heavy amounts of rainfall are given below:

TABLE 5

Province and District	District averages on						Particularly heavy falls
	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	
<i>Bombay</i>							
Kaira	2.1
Broach	Hansot 6.4" on 10th.
Panch Mahal	2.3	..
Surat	3.3	2.5 Chikhli 7.4" on 10th; Pardi 6.8" on 11th; Jalalpur 5.5" on 10th.
Bombay	2.8	..
Ratnagiri	.	2.8	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Central Provinces</i>							
Drug	2.7	..	.. Khapari 6.8" on 9th; Selod 6.1" on 9th.
Balaghat	2.1	..	..
Hoshangabad	Pachmarhi 7.2" on 6th; Mohpani 6.9" on 8th.
Chindwara	3.1	..	..

13. Shallow depression in the Bay of Bengal between 13th and 21st September 1949.—On the morning of the 11th of September, the seasonal trough of low pressure over the Gangetic plain was extending into the head of the Bay of Bengal. Pressures fell over the north Bay during the subsequent 2 days and, by the morning of the 13th, a shallow depression formed in the northwest angle of the Bay with its central region at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. midway between Chandbali and Sandheads. The shallow depression crossed the coast in the same afternoon between Chandbali and Balasore and, moving westnorthwestwards, lay as a low pressure area over North Central Provinces on the morning of the 14th. It persisted there without much variation in its position and intensity during the next 24 hours. Then there was a concentrated fall of pressure in west Central Provinces and Madhya Bharat and a sharp rise of pressure all around that area. As a result the low pressure area intensified again into a depression which lay centred at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. on the 16th near Jubbulpore. Moving northwestwards thereafter, the depression lay centred midway between Guna and Saugor on the 17th morning, near Gwalior on the 18th morning and about one hundred miles northnorthwest of Jaipur on the 19th morning. It then began to weaken and finally merged in the seasonal low over Rajputana and Western Pakistan on the 21st.

In association with this depression, the monsoon was strong in the west Central Provinces and Madhya Bharat and fairly active in Vindhya Pradesh between the 15th and 18th and strong in the west United Provinces on the 18th and 19th. The heavy rains in and near the Vindhya during this period are reported to have caused floods in the Tapti river.

14. Deep depression in the Bay of Bengal from 18th to 23rd September 1949.—The approach of a low pressure wave from lower Burma towards the Andaman Sea was noticeable on the charts of the 15th evening when pressures were falling in and around Tenasserim. By the morning of the 17th, the low pressure wave had moved into the north Andaman Sea. Tavoy reported 5.0" of rain on the 17th morning. By the evening of the same day, a shallow low formed in the north Andaman Sea with its central region at 1730 hrs. I.S.T. near Lat. 14° N., Long. 94° E. This low moved northwestwards and lay as a depression centred on the evening of the 18th near Lat. 16° N., Long. 93° E. Rapidly intensifying into a deep depression and moving westnorthwest, it was centred at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 19th near Lat. 16½° N., Long. 90½° E. The deep depression thereafter moved practically westwards, rather rapidly, and lay on the 20th morning with its centre near Lat. 16½° N., Long. 85½° E. Ships in the southern sector of the depression were experiencing heavy continuous rain at that time. Rainfall had also occurred over most of the Peninsula and been heavy in Malabar. The deep depression was centred at 1730 hrs. I.S.T. of 21st about 70 miles to the eastsoutheast of Cocanada. It probably intensified into a cyclonic storm of small extent in the course of the night. At 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 21st it was crossing the coast between Cocanada and Masulipatam. The latter station was having a negative pressure departure of 13.6 mbs. at that time. After crossing the coast the deep depression was centred about 70 miles northwest of Masulipatam on the 22nd morning. Weakening rapidly and moving northwestwards, it lay as a low over northwest Hyderabad on the 23rd morning and thereafter moved away northeastwards as a low pressure wave.

The remarkable feature about this depression was the concentrated heavy rainfall over a narrow belt extending from the south Circars coast across the south Deccan to the north Konkan. Bombay had a phenomenally heavy rainfall of 32" during 48 hours ending at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 23rd, out of which 23" fell during a period of 12 hrs. on the 22nd. Very heavy falls were also recorded along the north Madras coast, south Deccan and the south Konkan on the 20th, in the west Deccan and north Konkan on the 21st and in Berar on the 22nd. The heavy rains in the Bijapur area is reported to have resulted in serious losses to property and livestock and hardship to the people, while, in the Bombay city, communications and transport were completely paralysed for 36 hours.

The noteworthy district averages of rainfall and the particularly heavy falls associated with this depression are given below:

TABLE 6

Province and District	District averages on				Particularly heavy falls		
	20th	21st	22nd	23rd			
<i>Bombay</i>							
Surat	2.9	Bardoli 5.2" on 23rd.	
Ahmednagar	2.4	Shrigonda 5.9" on 22nd and 5.0" on 23rd.	
Poona	2.2	2.3	Dhond 5.9" on 22nd and 5.1" on 23rd; Lonavla 5.7" on 22nd; Ghoda 5.3" on 23rd.
Sholapur	4.3	..	Pandharpur 5.7" on 22nd.	
Satara	3.0	..	

TABLE 6—contd.

Province and District	District averages on				Particularly heavy falls
	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	
Belgaum	2.1	..	Athani 5.0" on 22nd.
Bijapur	..	2.7	4.7	..	Muddebehal 5.7" on 22nd; Bijapur 5.7" on 22nd; Begewadi 5.5" on 22nd;
Thana	3.8	5.2	Mahim 9.0" on 22nd; 8.7" on 23rd; Thana 7.5" on 23rd; Murbad 6.6" on 23rd; Bassein 6.6" on 23rd; 6.2" on 22nd; Bhivandi 5.7" on 23rd; Kalyan 5.1" on 23rd.
Bombay	14.7	17.0	Bombay 17.0" on 23rd and 14.7" on 22nd.
Bombay suburb	6.5	..	Kurla 6.5" on 22nd.
Kolaba	7.4	6.1	Alibag 16.1" on 23rd; Alibag & Uran 12.1" on 22nd; Panvel 8.8" on 23rd; Roha 7.2" on 22nd; Panvel 6.6" on 22nd; Matheran 6.5" on 22nd; 6.3" on 23rd; Karijat 6.3" on 22nd; Mahad 6.2" on 23rd; Mangaon 6.0" on 23rd; Pen 5.7" on 22nd; Mangaon 5.1" on 22nd; Roha 5.0" on 23rd.
Ratnagiri	..	3.0	4.7	4.7	Mandangad 12.6" on 23rd; Khed 9.2" on 22nd; Dapoli 8.7" on 23rd; Guhagar 8.0" on 22nd; Chiplun 7.1" on 23rd; Ratnagiri 7.0" on 22nd; Mandangad 6.4" on 22nd; Malvan 5.7" on 21st; Guhagar 5.5" on 21st; Khed 5.4" on 21st.
Hyderabad					
Bidar	4.2	
Bir	3.6	Roti 6.0" on 23rd.
Osmanabad	2.7	
Gulbarga	..	2.2	2.5	..	
Mahabubnagar	..	3.6	2.3	2.7	Mahabubnagar 5.3" on 23rd.
Raichur	..	3.7	3.8	..	Raichur (Obsy.) 5.1" on 22nd.
Central Provinces					
Yeotmal	..	2.0	..	..	Digras 5.1" on 20th.
Madras					
Guntur	..	2.2	4.1	..	Vinukonda 10.4" on 24th; Paddaganjanlock 9.9" on 22nd; Intur lock 9.7" on 22nd; Ongole 9.2" on 22nd; Santasavur 8.7" on 22nd; Nizampatnam lock 7.3" on 22nd; Bapatla 6.9" on 22nd; Kuchipudilock 6.7" on 22nd; Chinaganjam 6.5" on 22nd; Ponnur 5.6" on 21st; Nalavada lock 5.3" on 22nd.
Nellore	..	2.9	..	..	Kanigiri 5.7" on 22nd; Pakala 5.5" on 21st; Darai 5.1" on 22nd; Kavali 5.0" on 21st.

TABLE 6—*contd.*

Province and District	District averages on				Particularly heavy falls
	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	
Cuddapah	2.1	..	..	..	Mydukur 6.4" on 21st; Thanaballapalli 5.3" on 22nd.
Bellary	2.0	2.1	..	..	Kosigi 5.3" on 22nd; Adoni 5.0" on 22nd.
Kurnool	3.2	4.5	..	..	Yellur 11.1" on 22nd; Markapur 9.0" on 22nd; Atmakur 8.1" on 22nd; Thppayapalem 7.0" on 22nd; Lockinsula 7.0" on 22nd; Nandyal 6.8" on 22nd; Yerragondapalem 6.8" on 22nd; Siddapuram 6.5" on 22nd; Allagada 6.5" on 22nd; Koilkuntla 6.3" on 22nd; Sunkesula 6.2" on 22nd; Siddapuram 6.0" on 21st; Nandikotkur 5.1" on 21st.

15. Depression in the Bay of Bengal from 8th to 11th October 1949.—A low pressure wave moved westwards across central Burma and lay as a trough of low pressure extending from the northeast Bay of Bengal to the Andaman Sea on the morning of the 5th of October. The trough of low persisted without appreciable change of position for 24 hours. In the meantime, a strengthening of the monsoon in south Bay and Andaman Sea was noticed. Victoria Point reported 5" of rain on the 6th morning. The trough gradually shifted westwards and concentrated at the same time. By 1730 hrs. I.S.T. of the 7th, a depression had apparently formed with its central region within a degree of Lat. 18° N., Long. 90° E. The depression moved westnorthwestwards and intensified during the course of the night. On the morning of the 8th, it lay as a deep depression centred near Lat. 18½° N., Long. 88° E. S.S. Bandra located near Lat. 18° N., Long. 85½° E. reported a northerly squall of 45 knots at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 8th. Rain had commenced by that time along the Orissa coast and by the same evening in the whole of Orissa and the east Central Provinces. The deep depression weakened before crossing the coast near Gopalpur on the 9th morning and lay as a low pressure area over north Hyderabad, the east Central Provinces and Orissa on the 10th. It persisted for two days and became unimportant by the 12th after inducing a well-marked trough of low pressure in the east Arabian Sea off the north Konkan-Kathiawar coast. The latter became unimportant without appreciable movement in the course of the next 2 days.

In association with the depression, there was widespread rainfall in West Bengal on the 9th, in Orissa between the 8th and 10th and in the Central Provinces between the 9th and 11th. Very heavy falls were reported from the Orissa coast on the 9th. Rainfall also extended into the north Konkan and the north Deccan on the 13th. The noteworthy district averages of rainfall and the particularly heavy falls are given in the following table.

TABLE 7

Province and District	District averages on				Particularly heavy falls	
	8th	9th	10th	11th		
<i>West Bengal</i>						
Jalpaiguri	Buxa 7.8" on 10th.
<i>Orissa</i>						
Balasore	Balasore 6.0" on 9th.
Puri	Puri 6.2" on 9th.

16. Severe cyclone in the Bay of Bengal from 20th to 31st October 1949.—With the movement westwards of a low pressure wave across south Burma, weather became unsettled in the Andaman Sea on the morning of the 20th of October. The surface winds on this morning were westerly over Sabang, southeasterly over Victoria Point, easterly over Tavoy and north-easterly over Port Blair. Victoria Point had recorded 5" of rain during the 24 hours ending at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 20th. By the morning of the 21st, a shallow depression formed with its centre near Lat. 10° N., Long. 95° E. The depression intensified and by 1730 hrs. I.S.T. of 22nd, it became deep and was centred near Lat. 10° N., Long. 94° E. The upper winds over Port Blair had strengthened to 30 knots at 2,000 and 3,000 ft. a.s.l. The strengthening of the monsoon in the south Bay of Bengal at the same time was evident from the heavy continuous rain reported by Colombo. By the 23rd morning, Port Blair upper winds at 3,000 ft. a.s.l. had strengthened to 40 knots and ships in the southwest Bay of Bengal reported overcast skies and rain showers. The deep depression was centred at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 23rd near Lat. 10° N., Long. 93° E. Moving westnorthwestwards and intensifying at the same time, it was centred near Lat. 10½° N., Long. 91½° E., on the 24th morning and near Lat. 11½° N., Long. 90° E., on the same evening. By that time the monsoon had strengthened considerably in the west central Bay of Bengal also, and ships in the western sector as far away as 400 miles from the centre of the depression were experiencing heavy continuous rain. The upper winds along the east coast of the Peninsula had also come into the grip of the cyclonic circulation. The deep depression intensified into a cyclonic storm by 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 25th when its centre was near Lat. 12° N., Long. 89° E. The storm moved northwest and was centred on the 26th morning near Lat. 14½° N., Long. 85½° E. S.S. Jalamatsya which was near Lat. 11° N., Long. 84° E. at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 26th reported westerly wind of 50 knots, and S.S. Karapara at Lat. 12° N., Long. 83½° E., reported westnorthwest winds of 35 knots and moderate continuous rain. The pressure departure at the centre of the storm was at that time not less than—15 mbs. Rain had commenced along the Orissa coast by the 26th morning. The storm rapidly intensified into a severe cyclone with a core of hurricane winds and was centred at 1730 hrs. I.S.T. of 26th within half a degree of Lat. 15° N., Long. 84½° E. Steamship City of Oxford which was located near Lat. 12½° N., Long. 84½° E., was experiencing west-southwest wind of 70 knots heavy continuous rain and poor visibility at that time. Rain had also commenced along the Circars coast. The cyclone continued to move northwards and was centred on the 27th morning near Lat. 16° N., Long. 83° E. Heavy rain had fallen along the Orissa coast and rainfall had extended into the interior of Orissa and the east Central Provinces. At 1730 hrs. I.S.T. of 27th, Masulipatam reported NNW

wind of 40 knots and a negative pressure departure of 21.7 mbs. The centre of the cyclone was then near Lat. 16° N., Long. 82½° E. The winds at Masulipatam continued to increase in speed reaching 50 knots at 1930 hrs. I.S.T., 65 knots at 2230 hrs. I.S.T. and a maximum speed of 70 knots at 0230 hrs. I.S.T. of 28th. Thereafter the speed began to fall. The wind direction was northnorthwest from 2230 hrs. I.S.T. and backed to westnorthwest by 0230 hrs. I.S.T. of 28th and to west-southwest by 0730 hrs. I.S.T. of 28th. Heavy rain which commenced at that station at 1830 hrs. I.S.T. of the 27th continued till 1230 hrs. I.S.T. of 28th and the station recorded 18½" of rain between 1730 hrs. of 27th and 0830 hrs. of 28th.

The cyclone crossed the coast between Masulipatam and Cocanada at about 0200 hrs. I.S.T. of 28th. The pressure deficiency at the centre of the cyclone at this stage might have been 30 mbs. After crossing the coast, the cyclone weakened rapidly into a deep depression and was centred about 70 miles eastsoutheast of Khammameth at 0830 hrs. I.S.T. of 28th. Curving in a northnorthwesterly direction and weakening at the same time, it lay as a depression centred about 50 miles to the east of Chanda on the 29th morning. The depression then curved northeastwards and, moving rapidly, lay over Vindhya Pradesh and southeast United Provinces with its centre about 50 miles to the southsoutheast of Banaras on the 30th morning. On the morning of the 31st, the depression lay over north Bihar and it became unimportant by the even-

ing of the 31st. During its movement northeastwards from the Central Provinces to Bihar, the depression was responsible for widespread rain in east Central Provinces, Vindhya Pradesh, United Provinces, Chota Nagpur, Bihar and West Bengal. Rainfall was locally very heavy in Bihar on the 31st.

The fierce winds and heavy rains which accompanied the cyclone caused appalling destruction of life and property and indescribable sufferings to the people in Andhra Desa. A huge storm wave, which rose to a height of 10 to 15 feet, is reported to have swept over the entire coast of the West and East Godavari districts upto a distance of 4 to 5 miles inland and inundated a number of villages. Most of the houses were blown away, all trees uprooted and the ground was laid bare. The torrential rains caused heavy breaches along the roads and railway lines and completely paralysed the telegraph and telephone communications in the Kistna, Guntur, the West Godavari and East Godavari districts, while streams, canals and tanks became flooded and their banks breached. Special mention may be made here about the severe floods in the Budameru river in the Kistna District which rose to record level. According to reports, over 750 human beings and nearly 30,000 cattle perished, while approximately a million acres of crops and over a quarter million houses were either destroyed or severely damaged during the cyclone. The total losses were estimated at several crores of rupees.

TABLE 8

Province and District	District averages on													Particularly heavy falls
	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st		
<i>Madras</i>														
Visakhapatnam	2.3	3.9	2.5	2.2	..	Pulaparti 12.7" on 29th; Bhumunipatnam 7.1" on 30th; Narasapatnam 6.9" on 29th; Pathapatnam 6.3" on 28th; Pundi 5.5" on 28th; Takkali 5.3" on 28th; Bobbili 5.2" on 29th; Pundi 5.8" on 27th; Yellamanchilli 5.2" on 30th; Thotapalle 5.0" on 29th.	
Visakhapatnam (Agency)	4.8	5.1	..	..	Araku 7.2" on 28th; Chintapalli 8.2" on 29th; Thotapalle 5.0" on 29th.	
East Godavari (Plains)	3.8	3.0	..	..	Chintapalli 10.3" on 28th; Prattipadu 10.4" on 29th; Biccavole 10.2" on 28th; Kakinada (Obs.) 7.3" on 29th; Peddapuram 7.1" on 29th; Vella Lock 6.6" on 29th; Yerrapotavaram Lock 6.5" on 29th; Chantapalli 6.5" on 29th; Allamur Lock 6.4" on 28th; Mukkamala 5.7" on 29th; Pithapuram and Kothapeta 5.6" each on 28th; Ramachandrapuram 5.6" on 29th; Peddapuram and Alamuru 5.3" each on 28th; Mondapulanka 5.1" on 29th; Kakinada 5.0" on 29th.	
West Godavari	3.8	..	..	..	Sidhantam 8.1" on 20th; Narasapur 7.3" on 29th; Koduru 7.1" on 29th; Lakshmipalayam 7.1" on 28th; Pallacole 7.7" on 28th; Narasapur and Yelurpadu 6.0" each on 28th; Duvva 5.3" on 28th; Sidhantam 5.2" on 29th; Lakshmipalayam 5.1" on 27th.	
Krishna	2.6	..	3.7	..	..	..	Masulipatnam 19.8" on 26th; Pandraka Factory 15.1" on 28th; Kothagudem 11.2" on 28th; Kamalapuram Lock 9.5" on 28th; Tidal Lock 9.0" on 28th; Avanigadda 8.8" on 30th; Puligedda 7.7" on 28th; Akkumaru Lock 7.0" on 28th; Gannavaram 6.5" on 28th; Vallurpalem Lock 6.5" on 28th; Pamarru Lock 6.4" on 27th; Manginapudi Factory 6.3" on 26th; Lakshmipuram Lock 6.1" on 27th; Cowtaram Lock 6.1" on 28th; Kodur 6.0" on 28th; Lakshmipuram Lock 5.7" on	

TABLE 8—*contd.*

Province and District	District Averages on												Particularly heavy falls
	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	
													28th; Veeramki Lock 5·6" on 28th; Gurusvindaipalli Lock 5·6" on 28th; Nedumole Lock 5·4" on 28th; Pandraka Factory 5·1" on 29th; Nuzvid 5·0" on 28th; Nimmageda Lock 6·3" on 28th.
Guntur	2·9	..	..	..	Kallur Lock 9·6" on 28th; Kuchipudi lock 7·6" on 28th; Repelle 7·3" on 28th; Nallamala Lock 7·3" on 28th; Guntur 7·2" on 28th; Commanur lock 6·9" on 28th; Morotha Lock 6·3" on 28th; Vellatur Lock 6·2" on 28th; Ravendrapad Lock 6·1" on 28th; Tenali 5·7" on 28th; Nizampatnam Lock 5·6" on 28th; Jagarlamudi Lock 5·4" on 28th; Intur lock 5·3" on 28th.
Hyderabad													
Warangal	Wyra 6·9" on 28th; Narsampet 6·5" on 29th; Mulerg 5·5" on 29th.

II.—WESTERN DISTURBANCES

During the period February to May, the weather over north India was affected by some active western disturbances which in association with their secondaries gave widespread rain in Kashmir, East Punjab and Rajputana with snow over and near the hills, widespread thunderstorm rain in the central parts of the country, the United Provinces, and northeast India and hailstorms at a number of places in north India. A few severe duststorms also occurred in Rajputana, the west United Provinces and in the plains of East Punjab in May.

Almost all the western disturbances which affected India during January, June, October, November and December were feeble and confined their activity to the extreme north of the country.

A list of the disturbances (forty-four in number) classified according to the nature of the precipitation caused by them is given in the following table. The detailed description of the active disturbances of February is also given below.

NO. OF WESTERN DISTURBANCES

Nature of Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec.
precipitation

Widespread	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Local	2	1	4	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Little or nil	4	3	2	2	..	4	..	1	..	2	3	2
Total	7	6	6	5	4	5	..	1	..	2	3	5

Western Disturbances during the period 31st January to 7th February.—A western disturbance lay over west Baluchistan on 31st January with its parent disturbance over Russian Turkistan. The secondary moved over to north Baluchistan and adjoining parts of Afghanistan on 1st February. On 2nd February, the disturbance lay over Afghanistan. Widespread rain or snow occurred in Kashmir, East Punjab and in Kumaon hills on the 2nd. On 3rd February, the western disturbances lay over north North West Frontier Province and the adjoining parts of north-west Punjab while a tertiary western disturbance which it induced lay over southeast Rajputana and the adjoining parts of Madhya Bharat. A fresh western disturbance had also moved into Baluchistan. Under the combined influence of these three, widespread rain or snow occurred in Kashmir and East Punjab and widespread thunder-rain in the United Provinces. Mussoorie and Dalhousie experienced heavy falls, recording 4" and 2" of rain respectively during the 24 hours ending at 0800 hrs. I.S.T. of 3rd. On 4th morning, the first western disturbance was lying over Kashmir and neighbourhood with its secondary over southeast United Provinces, while the other disturbance had moved over to East Punjab from Baluchistan. Widespread thunder-rain occurred in East Punjab, the United Provinces, west Central Provinces and east Madhya Bharat and local showers in northeast Rajputana. A few stations in northwest United Provinces experienced heavy falls. During the 24 hours ending 0800 hrs. I.S.T. of 4th, Mussoorie and Ambala recorded 3" of rain each, Meerut 2" and Ludhiana 1½". On the 4th evening, the western disturbance over the East Punjab induced a secondary over southeast Rajputana and adjoining parts of the west United

Provinces. The two western disturbances moved away eastwards on 5th; the secondary of the first lay over West Bengal and the secondary of the second over the southwest United Provinces and adjoining parts of Madhya Bharat and of the Central Provinces. The moisture brought in by these disturbances and their secondaries caused general thunder-rain and a few hailstorms in East Punjab and the United Provinces, widespread thunder-rain in east Madhya Bharat, east Central Provinces, north Bihar and sub-Himalayan West Bengal. A number of stations in United Provinces experienced heavy falls. During the 24 hours ending 0800 hrs. I.S.T. of 5th, Dehra Dun recorded 4" of rain, Roorkee and Banaras 3" each and Sialkot, Dharampur, Bareilly, Muktesar and Azamgarh 1½" each. The secondary over West Bengal moved away eastwards across Assam on 6th, after giving local showers in Assam. On the same day the other secondary lay over east United Provinces and adjoining parts of Bihar. It caused widespread thunder-rain in east and north United Provinces, north Bihar and sub-Himalayan West Bengal and fairly widespread rain in east Central Provinces. Dalhousie recorded 3" and Gonda, Patna, Darbhanga and Ranchi 1½" of rain each during the 24 hours ending 0800 hrs. I.S.T. of 6th. By the 7th, the secondary over east United Provinces and neighbourhood moved away eastwards across Assam, giving widespread thunder-rain in West Bengal and local rain in east Bihar, Orissa and Assam.

In the rear of these disturbances, there was a surge of cold air from northern latitudes resulting in a cold wave over Saurashtra, Gujarat, the central parts of the country and the northern half of the Peninsula between the 6th and 9th and in northeast India on the 8th and 9th. Night temperatures fell to as low as 10° to 16° F. below normal over the stretch of the country from Saurashtra and Madhya Bharat to the north Deccan and the east Central Provinces on 8th and 9th.

The following weather information relating to the above western disturbances has been gathered from newspapers.

Heavy Snowfall at Simla on 4th and 5th.—Snowfall in Simla continued on 5th with only occasional breaks. The snowfall recorded on 5th morning exceeded one foot.

Kufri and Phagu situated at an altitude of 8,000 ft. registered over two and a half feet of snow. The motor road to Narkanda was blocked. The temperature dropped five degrees below the freezing point.

On 4th February, the city lay under one-foot deep mantle of snow. Rain, sleet and snow followed each other in rapid succession.

The telegraphic and telephonic communications were severely disturbed. Vehicular traffic was also affected. A report of one and a half feet of snow was received from Mashobra.

Heavy Snowfall in Simla Hills on 5th and 6th February.—For the first time since 1944 snow has fallen at Solan, Dharampur on the Simla-Kalka line and at Kasauli;

Six inches of snowfall occurred at Solan, eight inches at Dharampur and ten inches at Kasauli.

Snowstorm and Hailstorm over Mussoorie on 4th.—Roofs were blown off, windows broken and telegraph wires snapped by a snowstorm and hailstorm that swept over Mussoorie on 4th night resulting in damage to telegraph lines and electric mains. Mussoorie had 13" of snow on this night.

III.—LOCAL STORMS

Of the local storms reported in the newspapers, the following are noteworthy :—

Place	Date	Time	Classification of storm	Loss of human life	Remarks
Dum Dum (West Bengal)	7th March	Evening	Hailstorm	..	Altogether seven planes were damaged at the Dum Dum Airport. Four small planes damaged beyond repair were valued approximately at Rs. 1,40,000. The velocity of the wind at its maximum was about 76 mph.
Sylhet (Assam)	7th March	..	Thunderstorms accompanied by severe squall.	6	The squall was estimated to have reached a velocity of about 60 mph, causing many houses to collapse. About 1,000 structures including several school buildings and railway quarters were blown down causing damage of several lacks of rupees.
Hyderabad (Dn.)	2nd April	Night	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall and heavy rain.	..	Power and telephone systems were dislocated in certain parts of city. A few Katcha houses were damaged.
Calcutta (West Bengal)	9th April	Afternoon	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall.	..	A heavy shower accompanied the storm flooding many low-lying areas and dislocation of traffic. The wind reached over 50 mph. in the centre of the city.
Patna (Bihar)	11th April	Evening	Duststorm followed by a heavy thundershower.	..	The town was plunged into darkness owing to the failure of electricity. In some parts of the city, uprooted trees and telegraph poles blocked roads. Telegraph and telephone services were dislocated. An aerial mast at the A.I.R. transmitting station—254 ft. high also collapsed at a height of about 90 ft.
Calcutta (West Bengal)	11th April	Night	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall.	..	The wind reached a maximum velocity of about 60 mph.
Calcutta (West Bengal)	14th April	Noon	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall and heavy rain.	..	The downpour was very heavy 1·10" of rain falling within only half an hour. The wind reached a velocity of 54 mph. Many low-lying areas were flooded and the city's tramway service dislocated.
Shillong (Assam)	20th April	Morning	Thunderstorm accompanied by severe squall.	..	Life in city was brought to standstill. Buildings were damaged, telegraph, telephone and electrical lines cut and traffic dislocated. Many old trees were uprooted. Heavy damage was done in rural areas where a large number of houses were blown down.
Sylhet (Assam)	20th April	..	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall.	..	Many huts in the suburbs collapsed and many trees fell. Buro crops got submerged in large areas.
Calcutta (West Bengal)	25th April	Morning	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall and intense and heavy rainfall.	..	The wind reached a maximum speed of 51 mph. Rainfall was heaviest in the central parts of the city—about 1½" within only half an hour. Many low-lying areas were flooded.
Calcutta (West Bengal)	26th April	Afternoon	Do.	..	The wind reached a maximum speed of 62 mph. Many low-lying areas were flooded in the city. Vehicular traffic remained suspended in these areas for about two hours. In a little over an hour, 1·39" of rain were recorded.
Muzaffarpur (Bihar)	27th April	Noon	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall and hailstorm	2	The hailstones were reported to be of the size of tennis balls in some places. Trees on road sides and in fruit gardens for several miles were completely uprooted damaging cattle, houses, huts and wells. Roofs were seen being carried away by wind.
Chapra Dt.	27th April	..	Severe hailstorm	60	Several hundreds of cattle were also killed besides 60 persons.
Tarai and Bilaspur (P.S. Khandukosh).	30th April	..	Severe thunderstorm accompanied by heavy rain.	12	Several people were also injured due to the collapse of huts. A large number of cattle was washed away and over 500 persons rendered homeless.
Burdwan (West Bengal)	2nd May	..	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall.	..	Several houses were damaged and road traffic dislocated. It was expected to cost about Rs. 50,000 for the rehabilitation of the homeless people.
Calcutta (West Bengal)	6th May	Afternoon	Severe thunderstorm accompanied by squall.	2	The gale reached a speed of about 72 mph. Tram services on the Alipore section were suspended for over an hour. Several trees were uprooted in the suburbs. In many places roofs of huts were blown away. The planes coming from Chittagong and Dacca could not land at Dum Dum and had to return.
Ratnagiri (Konkan)	8th May	..	Severe thunderstorm	1	Two persons were struck by lightning. One died immediately.
Kumbakonam (Sotuh-east Madras)	12th May	Evening	Thunderstorm accompanied by heavy rain.	..	Telephone lines were cut and electric supply also failed. Many buildings collapsed.
Pathankot Jammu area (Kashmir)	27th May	Afternoon	Severe duststorm	..	Communications were paralysed for a few hours.
Banaras (U.P.)	28th May	Night	Thunderstorm accompanied by squall.	..	Hundreds of trees were uprooted and many roofs blown off. Roads were blocked and there was a breakdown in the electric supply. All trunk telephone lines were paralysed throughout the night.
New Delhi. (East Punjab)	26th May	Evening	Duststorm followed by thunderstorm and hailstorm.	..	Some 125 local telephone lines were put out of order, the wires being ripped or short circuited by falling branches of trees. In refugee camps, several tents were blown away.

IV.—WINDS OF FORCE NINE OR MORE IN THE INDIAN SEAS

Excluding dates of storms and depressions, a description of which has been given above, winds of force 9 or more were recorded on ships in the Indian Seas during the year 1949 on the following occasions :—

Date	Name of ship	Approximate position		Date	Name of ship	Approximate position	
		Lat. °N.	Long. °E			Lat. °N.	Long. °E.
1-2-1949	S. S. British Energy	25·0	58·1	2-6-1949	S. S. Nizam	15·2	83·2
11-2-1949	S. S. Glasgow	20·5	59·7	2-6-1949	S. S. Nizam	13·9	83·2
9-3-1949	S. S. Georgie	0·8	66·2	10-8-1949	S. S. Jalaveera	13·9	91·5
11-4-1949	S. S. Karanjia	14·3	60·7	14-8-1949	S. S. Maharaja	18·5	89·8
28-5-1949	S. S. Maskoma	16·5	70·5	25-10-1949	S. S. Mahout	8·1	72·6
29-5-1949	S. S. Makamponi	17·3	66·7				

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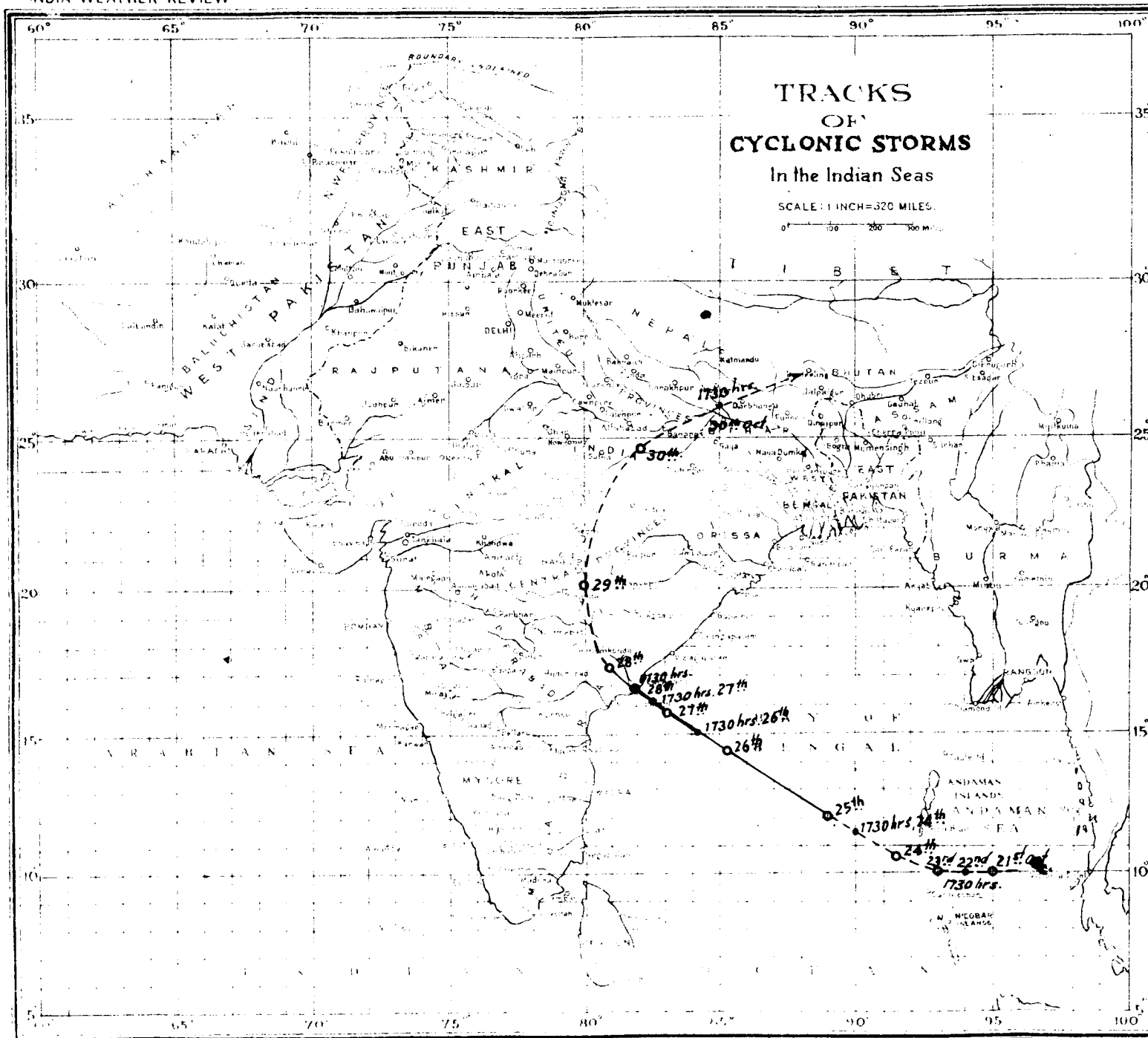
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